Application 5/N 09/787328
Amendment and Response dated October 26, 2004
Response to Office Action dated July 26, 2004

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request entry of the Amendment and reconsideration of the claims. Claim 10 has been amended. The specification has been amended to include a statement that the current application is the National Stage of International Application No. PCT/CN99/00139, filed on June 09, 1999. In addition, the title of the specification has been amended according to the Examiner's suggestion.

Applicants submit the Amendment is supported throughout the specification and raises no issues of new matter. After entry of the Amendment, claims 1-3 and 6-11 will be pending.

The Examiner objected to legal phraseology in the abstract. As suggested by the Examiner, the term "said" has been removed from the abstract. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the objection

The Examiner objected to the drawings. The Examiner alleges the drawings are inconsistent with the disclosure in that the drawings recite "-" position numbers. The drawings have been amended to omit the "-" position numbers. Replacement sheets for Figures 1-2 are attached. It is noted that the drawings were previously amended on October 16, 2002. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the objection.

Claims 10-11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite and incomplete for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claim 10 has been amended as suggested by the Examiner to further clarify the invention. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

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Summary

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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Respectfully submitted,

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